(c) if so, whether such a consideration if also being shown to expedite the construction of envisaged new Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded lines?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) A total of 492 kms. of new lines have been constructed during the last three years.

(b) It is a fact that the competition to the transportation of goods by road is being given through a number of freight incentive schemes. The new lines projects are taken up as per the policy enunciated by the National Transport Policy Committee in 1980 to serve new industries, missing links, strategic reasons, for establishment of new growth centres and for giving access to remote areas. A large number of projects have been taken up on socio-economic considerations.

(c) The survey for Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded section has been completed as per which, cost of construction of 270 kms. long time has been assessed as Rs. 581 crore with a negative rate of return. State Govt. has been requested to consider sharing of 50% cost of the project. In a meeting with Chief Minister, Maharashtra, Minister for Railways agreed that the proposal would be processed further provided State Government gives its consent to share atleast 40% of the cost as a special case in view of a difficult conditions amongst farming community in Vidarbha Region. State Government has since shown willingness to share cost of work such as earthen embankment, side drains, metal breaking and spreading etc., upto 35-45%, which could be undertaken under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and State Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS). State Govt. is again being requested to agree to share atleast 40% of the cost of project without linking in with NREP & EGS.

Outstanding amount against fertilizer companies

†*172. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount in crores outstanding against the fertilizer companies in the country and the steps taken by Government so far to realize the outstanding amount;

(b) whether the production of fertilizer has been affected due to the companies against which amount is outstanding; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the total quantum of fertilizers in metric tonnes, produced by various fertilizer companies during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) An amount of Rs. 229.83 crore was pending against M/s. Oswal Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (OCFL) out of which an amount of Rs. 227.58 crore has been recovered. The balance principal amount of Rs. 2.25 crore along with interest of Rs. 109.59 crore (upto 30.4.2006) is pending for recovery. The matter is currently *sub-judice*.

(b) Fertilizer production has not been affected due to any outstanding amount.

(c) The quantum of UREA/DAP/NPK Complexes produced in the country during the last three years was as follows:—

(Lakh Metric Tonne)

Fertilizers	Years		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
UREA	192.03	202.63	200.98
DAP	47.33	51.84	46.28
NPK COMPLEXS	45.11	53.63	67.64

A statement showing the company-wise details is attached at Statement—I, II and III.

Statement—I

Plant-wise production of urea from 2003-04 to 2005-06

(in metric tonne)

Name of Plants	Production		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4
NFL: Nagal-II	478500	494000	480200
NFL: Bhatinda	511400	5365500	518000
NFL: Panipat	511600	531300	503700

1	2	3	4
NFL:Vijaipur-I	883400	926400	916100
NFL:Vijaipur-II	870300	939600	926200
TOTAL (NFL):	3255200	3427800	3334200
BVFCL:Namrup-II	0	0	32400
BVFCL:Namrup-III	240600	206100	219000
TOTAL (BVFCL):	240600	206100	251400
FACT:Cochin-I	0	0	0
RCF: Trombay-V	17700	0	0
RCF:That	1731300	1789900	1684400
TOTAL (RCF):	1749000	1789900	1684400
MFL: Chennai	387700	473200	368600
Total (Public Sector):	5632500	5897000	5648600
IFFCI: Kalol	479500	554400	544700
IFFCO: Phulpur	540700	565100	551100
IFFCO: Phulpur Expn.	850900	864600	884700
IFFCO:Aonia-I	864800	886600	862900
IFFCO:Aonia-II	864700	865300	874500
TOTAL (IFFCO):	3600600	3714000	3717900
KRIBHCO: Hazira	1773000	1805500	1805500
TOTAL (CO OP)	5373600	5519500	5523400
Total (Public+co-op)	11006100	11416500	11172000
GSFC:Vadora	300400	303300	313500
SFC:Kota	364000	379000	378900
DIL:Kanpur	0	0	0
ZIL:Goa	398500	449400	400500
SPIC:Tuticorin	621100	679000	620500
MCF:Mangalore	334800	335700	399900
GNFC:Bharuch	636700	633300	642800
IGCL:Jagdishpur	862100	985400	994900

1	2	3	4
NFCL:Kakinada-I	598500	657100	703600
NFCL: Jajubada-II	595400	735200	675500
CFCL:Gadepan-I	907800	961600	960000
CFCL:Gadepan-II	854700	894400	931500
TCL:Babrala	864800	968100	960000
OCF: Shajahanpur (Kribco Shyam)	857800	861100	897600
Total (Private Sector)	8196600	8846600	8926400
TOTAL (PUB+COOP+PVT.);	19202700	20263100	20098400

Statement—II

Plant-wise production of urea from 2003-04 to 2005-06

(in meteric tonne)

Name of Company/Unit	Actual Production		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4
Cooperative Sector			
IFFCO: Sector	1246000	1290900	980700
OCF: Paradeep (IFFCO Paradeep)	308700	600200	92300
Total (Co-op.)	1554700	1891100	1073000
Private Sector			
GSFC:Vadodara	116600	83700	176000
GSFC: Sikka-I**	504400	565800	633600
GSFC:Sikka-II**	0	0	0
Zil:Goa	187700	192900	159900
SPIC:Tuticorin	313000	369500	379500

1	2	3	4
MCF:Mangalore	83500	165400	166900
TCL: Haldia	387500	276100	290100
Hindalco Indus:Dahej	215000	286300	136100
GFCL: Kakinada	742500	616800	8777600
PPL: Paradeep	617800	736800	877600
Total (Private Sector):	3168000	3293300	3555300
GRAND TOTAL:	4733500	5184400	4628300

**Production figures for Sikka-I&II are combined.

Statement—III

Plant-wise production of different complex fertilizers from 2003-04 to 2005-06

(in materic tonne)

Name of Company/Unit	Product Name	Production		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4	5
Public Sector				
FACT Udyogmandal	20.00	141000	101000	143200
FACT Cochin-II	20.00	426700	473400	502400
Total (FACT)		567700	574400	602400
RCF Trombay	15:15:15	296300	350100	429500
	10:26:26	0	0	0
RCF: Trombay-IV	20.8.20:8	234800	223100	222600
Total (RCF)		531100	573200	652100
MFL Chennai	17:17:17	328700	292800	205100
	14:28:14	0	0	0
	14:35:14	0	0	0
	19:19:19	54300	7500	0

1	2	3	4	5
	20:20	31900	6600	0
Total (MFL)		414900	306900	205100
Total Public Sector		1513700	1454500	1602800
Cooperative Sector:				
IFFCO Kandla	10:26:26	231900	386600	583600
		6223200	762600	1122600
Total (IFFCO) Kandla		854200	1149200	1706200
IFFCO (OCF)	20:20	47600	32800	155600
Paradeep	10:26:26	0	0	0
	12:32:16	0	0	0
TOTAL (IFFCO)		47600	32800	156600
Pradeep				
TOTAL (IFFCO)		901800	1182000	1862800
Private Sector				
GSFC Vododara	20:20	56800	117600	24800
CPL Vizag	28:28	259000	318400	414200
	14:35:14	165500	227000	142400
	20:20	167900	208900	354700
	16:20	0	0	0
	10:26:26	45100	22300	29200
Total (CFL)		637500	776600	940500
Zil Goa	19:19:19	258600	272500	332800
	28:28	0	0	0
	14:35:14	17700	0	0
	10:26:26	57000	111200	219200
	17:17:17	0	0	0
	20:20:	0	0	0
	12:32:16	30000	26700	26700
Total (ZIL)		363300	410400	578700
SPIC Tuticorin	20:20	8700	34500	20400
	17:17:17	2900	0	400
Total (SPIC)		11600	34500	20400

1	2	3	4	5
MCF Manglalore	20:20	9100	41200	27500
	16:20	0	0	0
Total (MCF)		9100	41200	27500
CPL Ennore	16:20	110800	116400	180800
	20:20	81200	131500	70000
Total (CFL)		192000	247900	250800
GNFC Bharuch	23:23	0	0	0
	20:20	121500	179700	203500
Total (GNFC)		121500	179700	203500
T.C.L Haldia	20:20	0	0	0
	28:28	0	0	0
	14:35:14	0	0	24400
	15:15:15	1700	2300	12600
	12:32:16	87000	100500	185900
	10:26:26	106800	159600	192000
Total (TCL):		195500	2624200	414900
GSFC: Sikka-I	20:20:	0	0	0
	12:32:16	0	0	2700
GSFC: Sikka-II	12:32:16	0	0	18000
GFCL: Kakinada	20:20	8600	0	6400
	14:35:14	15000	166700	141800
	17:17:17	4100	0	0
	12:32:16	33400	66000	66200
	10:26:26	10600	41200	415300
Total (TCL):		69700	273900	359700
Hinda Ico Ind: Dahej	10:26:26	5700	0	9900
	12:32:16	7900	0	10000
	20:20	3400	0	0
DFPC: TALOJA	23:23	150600	89600	54100
PPL: Paradeep	20:20	203200	174500	230600
	28:28	23100	23200	0

1	2	3	4	5
	14:35:14	0	0	7100
	12:32:16	13100	36200	69100
	10:26:26	21600	59200	76300
Total (PPL):		271000	59200	763100
Total Private Sector		2095800	2726900	3298600
TOTAL: (Pub.+Coop.+Pvt.):		45111001	45383400	6764200

Awareness about the schemes

*173. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of awareness among the farmers is a major cause of concern;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to a report by NSSO, 30 per cent of farmers in the country are not aware of minimum support price scheme and other schemes; and

(c) if so, what measures have been undertaken by Government to make the farmers aware of the various schemes of Government?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c)

1. Creating awareness among the farmers about the Government schemes and other related areas is an ongoing process.

2. However, as per the Situational Assessment Survey (SAS) carried out by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) during July, 2002 — June, 2003, it has emerged that only about 29% of the farmers were aware of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme.

3. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) has taken several steps in the recent past to support State's efforts in creating greater awareness among the farmers. Some of the important steps are listed below:—

(i) Information on DAC schemes has been uploaded on its website (www.agricoop.nic.in)

(ii) Kisan Call Centres (KCC) are providing information, including on